A vibrant summer-themed illustration. On the left, a red and white striped beach towel is partially visible. In the center, an orange beach chair sits on a sandy surface. A red and white striped beach umbrella is open behind the chair. On the chair, there is a tan bucket hat, a pair of orange flippers, a pair of orange swim fins, and a small orange book titled 'A summer story'. A pair of black sunglasses is on the towel. To the right, the text 'PVHS ELA Summer Reading & Enrichment Summer 2023' is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, a wavy blue line represents the ocean. The background is a solid light yellow color.

PVHS ELA Summer Reading & Enrichment Summer 2023

Read a text that you enjoy!

[Link to our AMAZING PVHS Library Webpage](#)

**Students are invited to
select their own books and
media over the summer.
Feel free to check out any of
the suggestions listed here,
borrow texts from the PVHS
Library, or visit one of our
local libraries. Have fun
exploring the world of
reading!**

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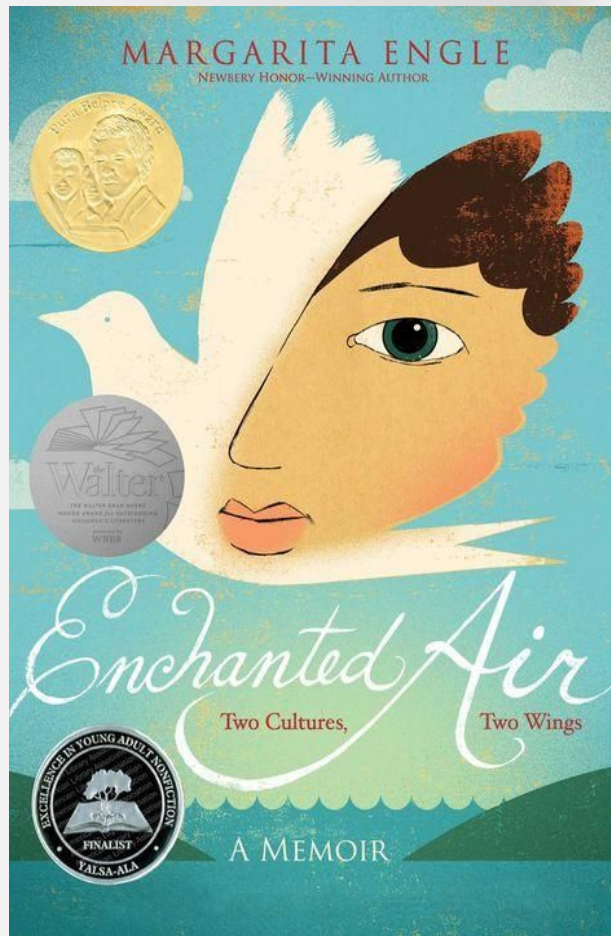
9th Grade Honors

If you are registered for Honors English in September you must read TWO books and will be asked to write about them in the first week of school.

You may read ANY two texts, they DO NOT need to be on this list, but you must be able to discuss them in detail at the beginning of the school year.

9th Grade Suggestions

To make the transition into high school a great one, we are hoping that you *CHOOSE* what text type speaks to you: novels, newspapers, articles, essays, short stories, poetry, speeches, and many more! If you need ideas, please check out the books we recommend on the next few slides.



Margarita is a girl from two worlds. Her heart lies in Cuba, her mother's tropical island country, a place so lush with vibrant life that it seems like a fairy tale kingdom. But most of the time she lives in Los Angeles, lonely in the noisy city and dreaming of the summers when she can take a plane through the enchanted air to her beloved island. Words and images are her constant companions, friendly and comforting when the children at school are not.

Then a revolution breaks out in Cuba. Margarita fears for her far-away family. When the hostility between Cuba and the United States erupts at the Bay of Pigs Invasion, Margarita's worlds collide in the worst way possible. How can the two countries she loves hate each other so much? And will she ever get to visit her beautiful island again?

Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle (2020)



Set against the backdrop of a wealthy, oceanside town, *The Agathas* follows two teenage girls- rich and popular Alice Ogilvie and her less popular, less rich tutor, Iris Adams- as they work together to solve the murder of Alice's ex-best friend.

From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)

BE A CHANGEMAKER

HOW TO START
SOMETHING THAT
MATTERS

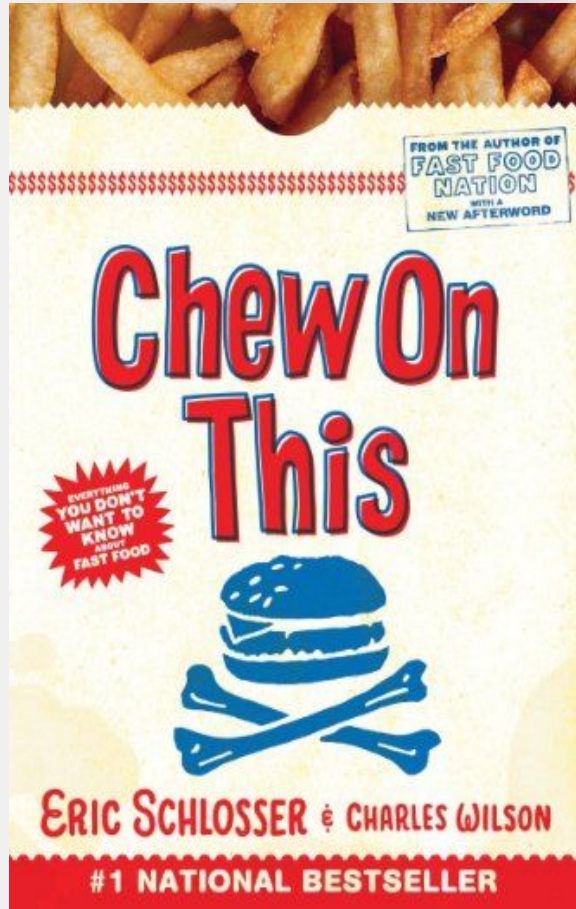
Foreword by Bill Drayton,
founder of Ashoka

Laurie Ann
Thompson



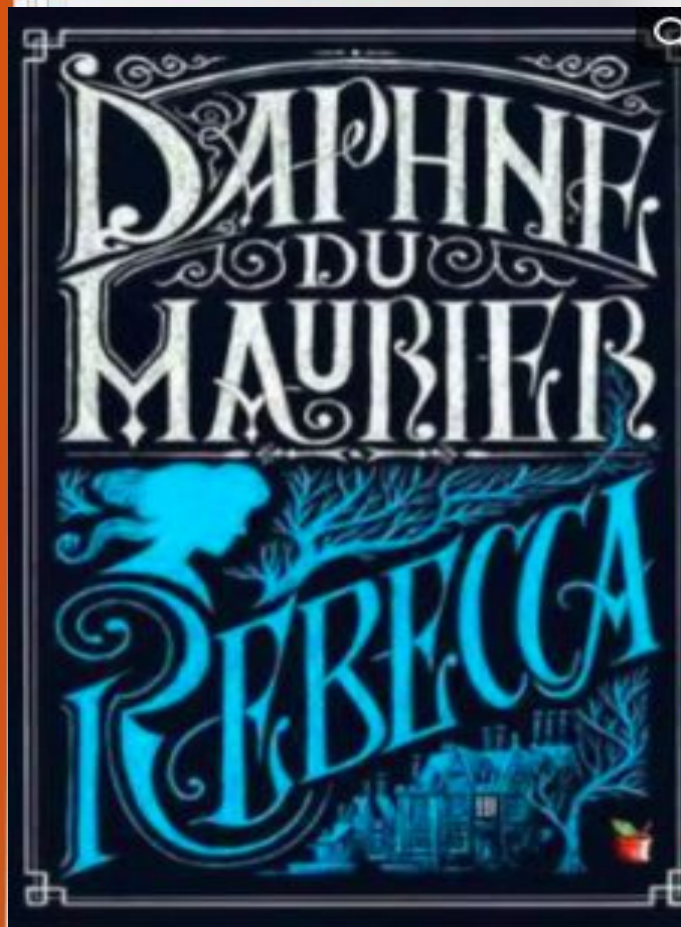
Do you wish you could make a difference in your community or even the world? Are you one of the millions of high school teens with a service-learning requirement? Either way, *Be a Changemaker* will empower you with the confidence and knowledge you need to affect real change. You'll find all the tools you need right here—through engaging youth profiles, step-by-step exercises, and practical tips, you can start making a difference today.

This inspiring guide will teach you how to research ideas, build a team, recruit supportive adults, fundraise, host events, work the media, and, most importantly, create lasting positive change. Apply lessons from the business world to problems that need solving and become a savvy activist with valuable skills that will benefit you for a lifetime!



Kids love fast food. And the fast food industry definitely loves kids. But where do fast food hamburgers come from? And what makes those fries taste so good? When Eric Schlosser's best-selling book, *Fast Food Nation*, was published for adults in 2001, many called for his groundbreaking insight to be shared with young people. Now Schlosser, along with co-writer Charles Wilson, has investigated the subject further, uncovering new facts kids and teens need to know. In *Chew On This*, they share the fascinating and sometimes frightening truth about what lurks between those sesame seed buns.

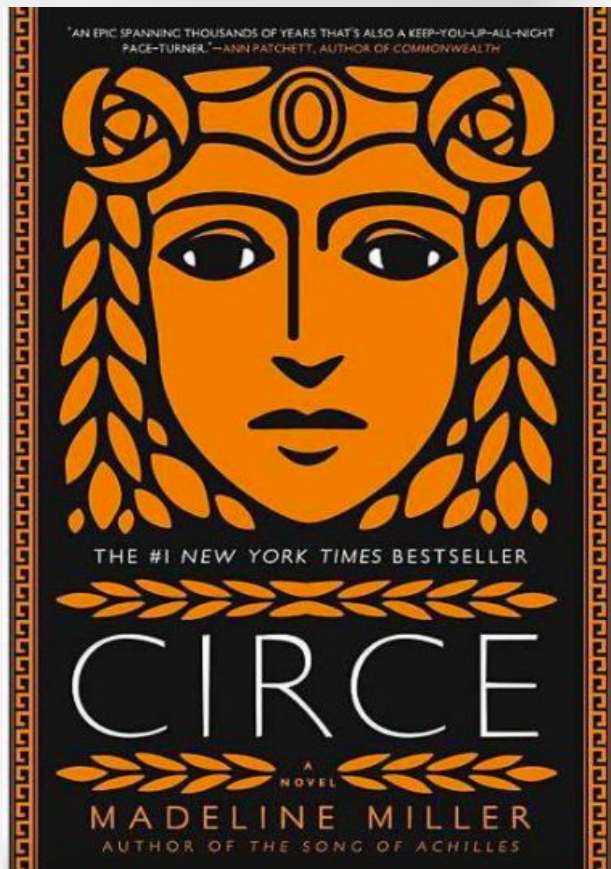
From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



Last night I dreamt I went to Manderly again."

With these words, the reader is ushered into an isolated gray stone mansion on the windswept Cornish coast, as the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter recalls the chilling events that transpired as she began her new life as the young bride of a husband she barely knew. For in every corner of every room were phantoms of a time dead but not forgotten—a past devotedly preserved by the sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers: a suite immaculate and untouched, clothing laid out and ready to be worn, but not by any of the great house's current occupants. With an eerie presentiment of evil tightening her heart, the second Mrs. de Winter walked in the shadow of her mysterious predecessor, determined to uncover the darkest secrets and shattering truths about Maxim's first wife—the late and hauntingly beautiful Rebecca.

From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child — not powerful like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power — the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves.

Threatened, Zeus banishes her to a deserted island, where she hones her occult craft, tames wild beasts, and crosses paths with many of the most famous figures in all of mythology, including the Minotaur, Daedalus and his doomed son Icarus, the murderous Medea, and, of course, wily Odysseus. But there is danger, too, for a woman who stands alone and Circe unwittingly draws the wrath of both men and gods, ultimately finding herself pitted against one of the most terrifying and vengeful of the Olympians.

To protect what she loves most, Circe must summon all her strength and choose, once and for all, whether she belongs with the gods she is born from, or the mortals she has come to love. With unforgettably vivid characters, mesmerizing language, and page-turning suspense, Circe is a triumph of storytelling, an intoxicating epic of family rivalry, palace intrigue, love and loss, as well as a celebration of indomitable female strength in a man's world.

DON'T BELIEVE
EVERYTHING YOU WATCH.

DEEFAKE

SARAH DARER LITTMAN
AUTHOR OF BACKLASH

Dara Simons and Will Halpern have everything they've ever wanted. They are the rulers of Greenpoint High's geekdom, overachieving in every way, and it's an intense competition to see who will be valedictorian. One the entire school is invested in. That is, until Rumor Has It, the anonymous gossip site, posts a video of Dara accusing Will of paying someone to take the SAT for him.

When the video goes viral, suddenly Will's being investigated, and everyone's wondering how he pulled off cheating on the SAT. But Dara swears that she didn't say any of those things, which seems a little hard to believe since it's her in the video.

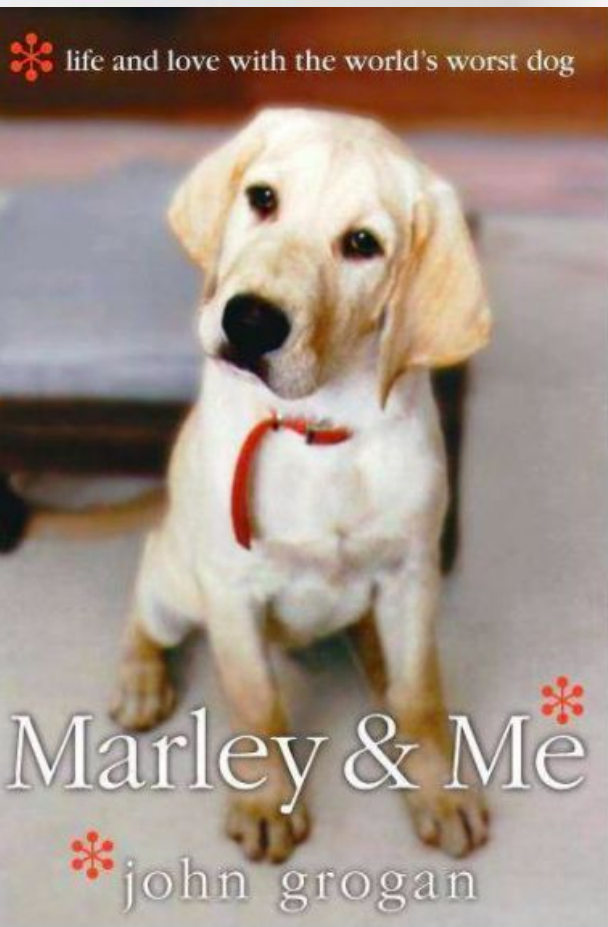
Did Will cheat?

Is it Dara saying he did?

Who's lying, and who's telling the truth?

The answer is more shocking than anyone realizes...

From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



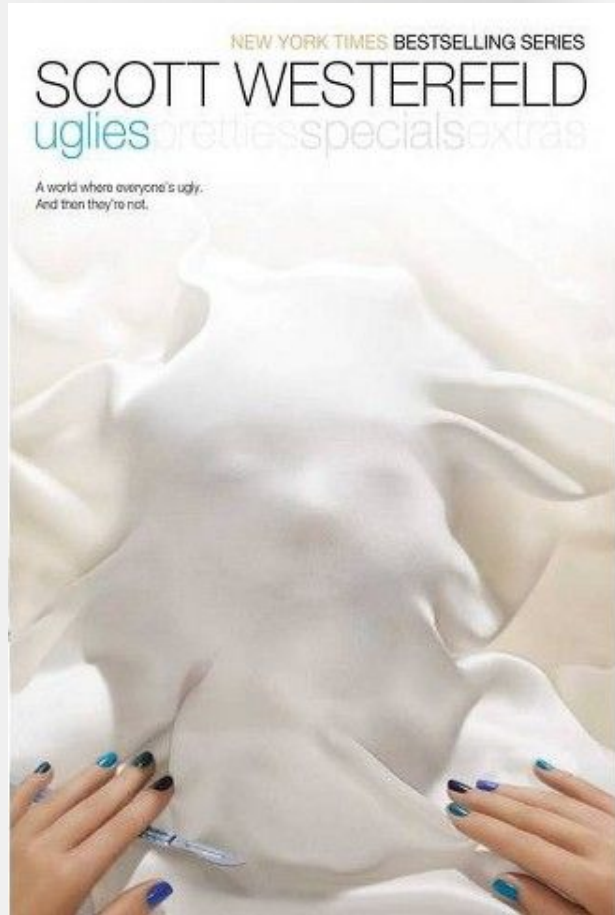
Is it possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a bigger-than-life, bad-boy dog? Just ask the Grogans.

John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. Life would never be the same.

Marley grew into a barreling, ninety-seven-pound stream roller of a Labrador retriever. He crashed through screen doors, gouged through drywall, and stole women's undergarments. Obedience school did no good — Marley was expelled.

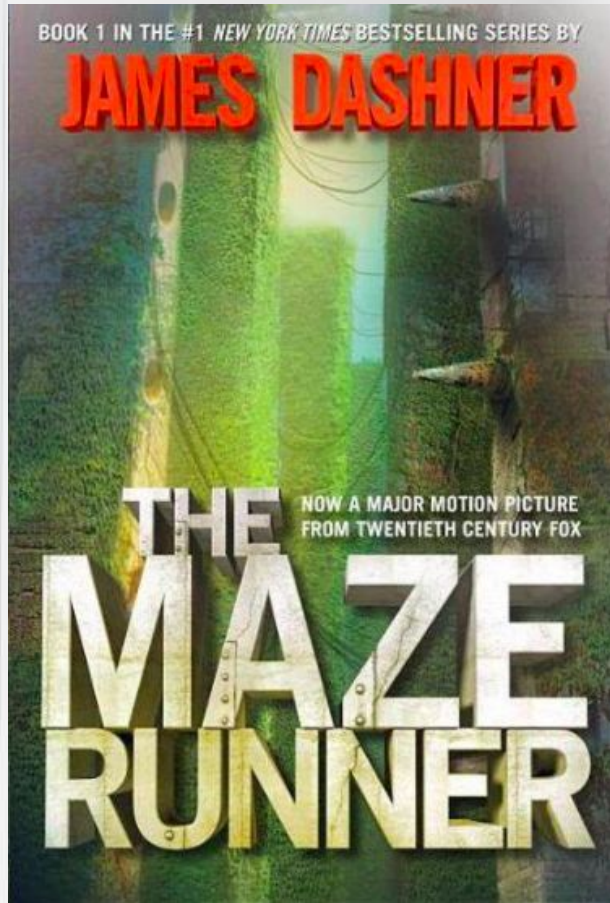
But just as Marley joyfully refused any limits on his behavior, his love and loyalty were boundless, too. Marley remained a model of devotion, even when his family was at its wit's end. Unconditional love, they would learn, comes in many forms.

From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



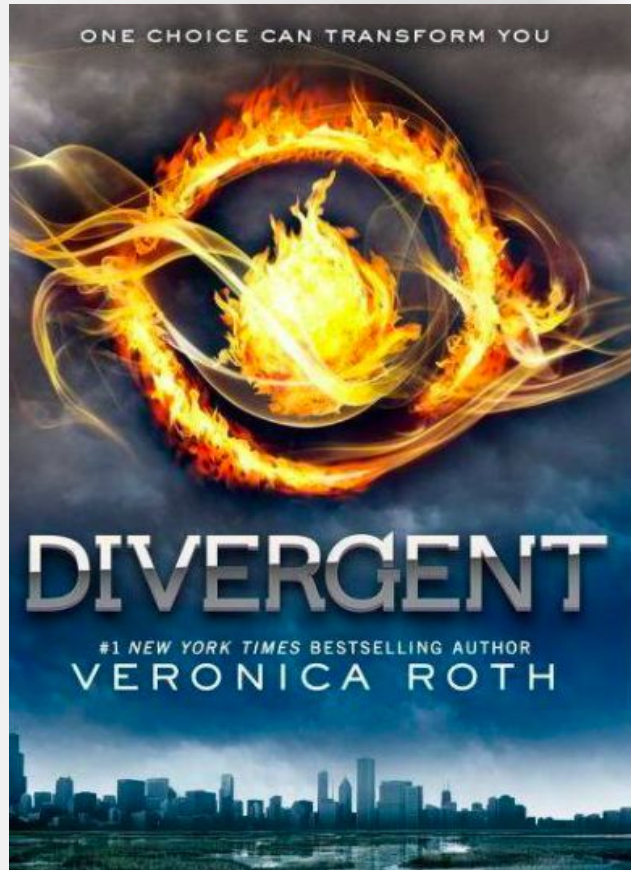
Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In just a few weeks she'll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty. And as a pretty, she'll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun. But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally's choice will change her world forever.

From Barnes & Noble Reviews (2022)



When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing that he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers -boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever changing maze. It's the only way out- and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying. *Remember. Survive. Run.*

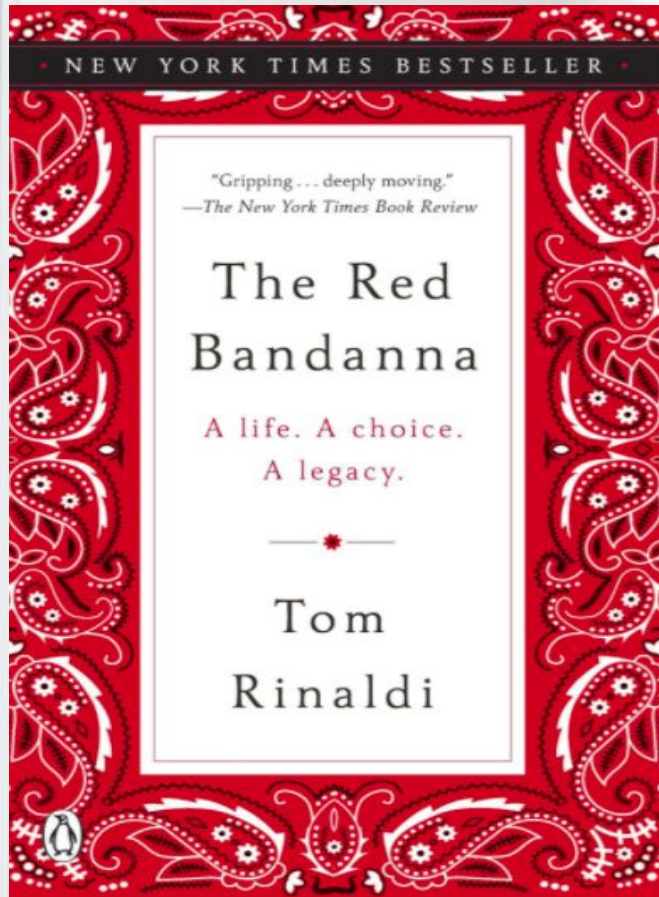
From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



One choice can transform you. Beatrice Prior's society is divided into five factions—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). Beatrice must choose between staying with her Abnegation family or transferring factions.

Her choice will shock her community and herself. But the newly christened Tris also has a secret, one she's determined to keep hidden, because in this world, *what makes you different makes you dangerous.*

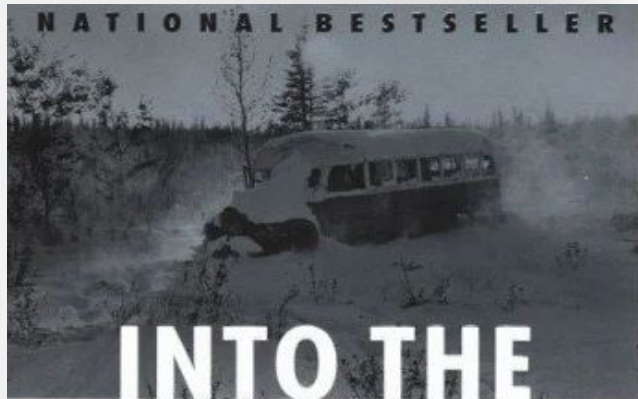
From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



This is the story of Welles Crowther, whose actions on 9/11 offer a lasting lesson on character, calling, and character.

Tom Rinaldi's *The Red Bandanna* is about a fearless choice, about a crucible of terror, and the indomitable spirit to answer it. Examining one decision in the gravest situation, it celebrates the difference one life can make.

From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)



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Immediately after graduating from college in 1991, McCandless had roamed through the West and Southwest on a vision quest like those made by his heroes Jack London and John Muir. In the Mojave Desert he abandoned his car, stripped it of its license plates, and burned all of his cash. He would give himself a new name, Alexander Supertramp, and, unencumbered by money and belongings, he would be free to wallow in the raw, unfiltered experiences that nature presented. Craving a blank spot on the map, McCandless simply threw the maps away. Leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, he vanished into the wild. **From Barnes and Noble Reviews (2022)**



10th Grade Suggestions

10th Grade Summer Reading:

Select and read a memoir of **your choice**.

Here are some **recommendations**:

- *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
- *Educated* by Tara Westover
- *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
- *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan
- *Deaf Utopia* by Nyle DiMarco
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- *Admissions: A Memoir of Surviving Boarding School* by Kendra James
- *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang

- *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother* by James McBride
- *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed
- *Mama's Boy, Preacher's Son* by Kevin Jennings
- *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

****Please note that you may choose ANY memoir that you are interested in reading; this is just a suggested list of titles. Be prepared to discuss your book in the first week of school.**

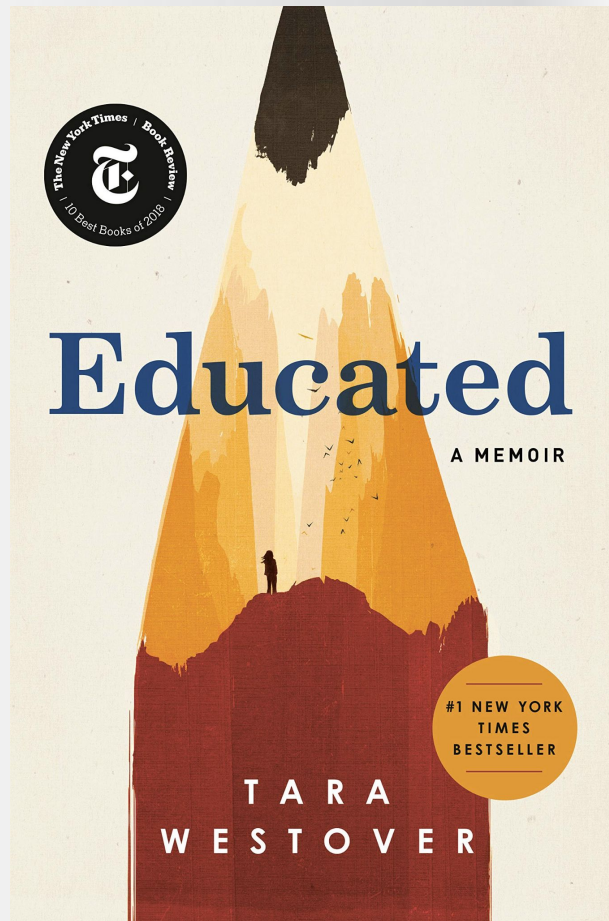
BECOMING



MICHELLE OBAMA

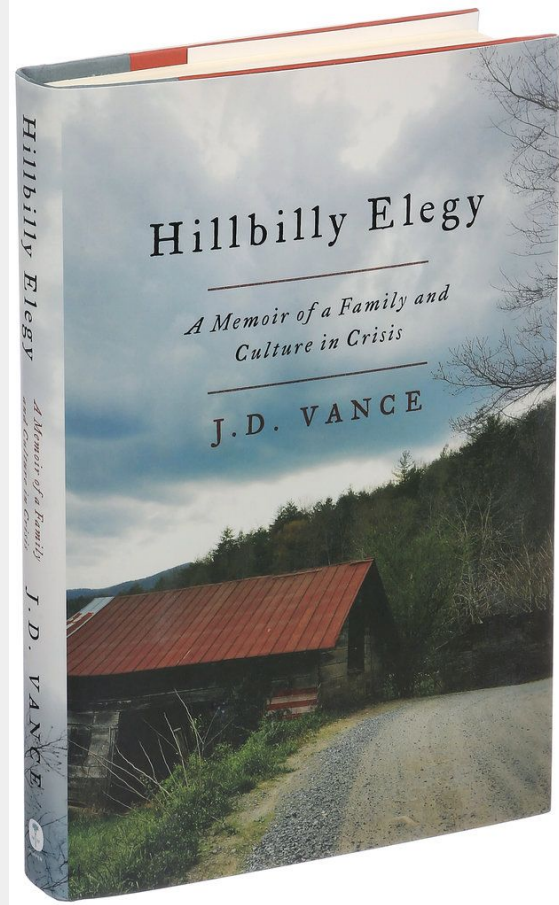
Becoming is the memoir of former first lady of the United States Michelle Obama, published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother.

[From Wikipedia \(2022\)](#)



Educated is a memoir by the American author Tara Westover. Westover recounts overcoming her survivalist Mormon family in order to go to college, and emphasizes the importance of education in enlarging her world.

[From Wikipedia \(2022\)](#)



Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis is a bestselling 2016 memoir by J. D. Vance about the Appalachian values of his Kentucky family, and the social and socioeconomic problems of his hometown of Middletown, Ohio, where his mother's parents moved when they were young.

[From Wikipedia \(2022\)](#)



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"Stunningly brave . . . an unexpected gift of a book from
one of America's most courageous young journalists." —NPR

BRAIN ON FIRE

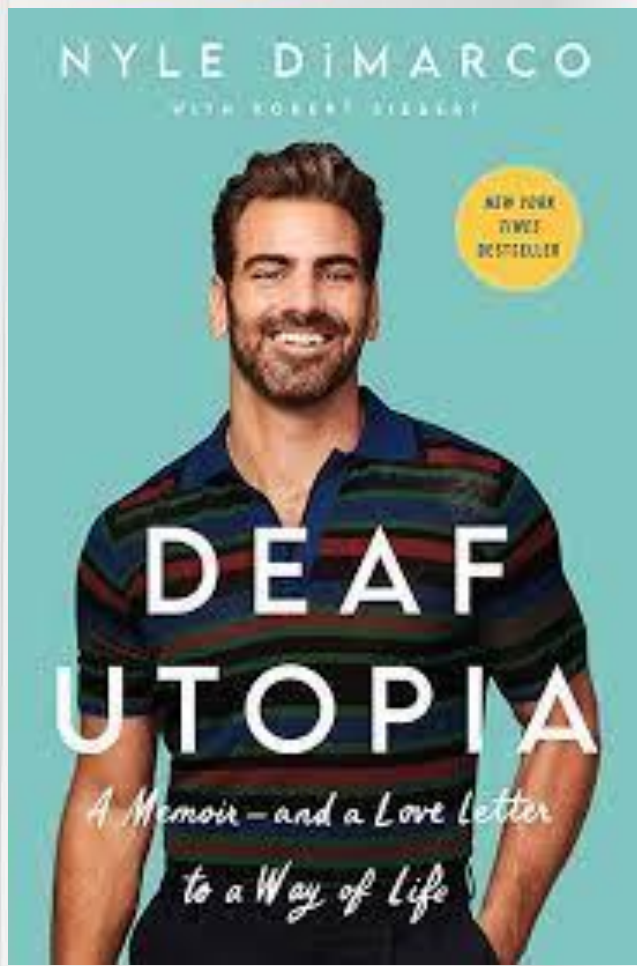
— *My Month of Madness* —

SUSANNAH CAHALAN

WITH A NEW AFTERWORD

Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness, is a 2012 New York Times best-selling autobiography by New York Post writer Susannah Cahalan. The book details Cahalan's struggle with a rare form of encephalitis and her recovery.

From Wikipedia (2022)

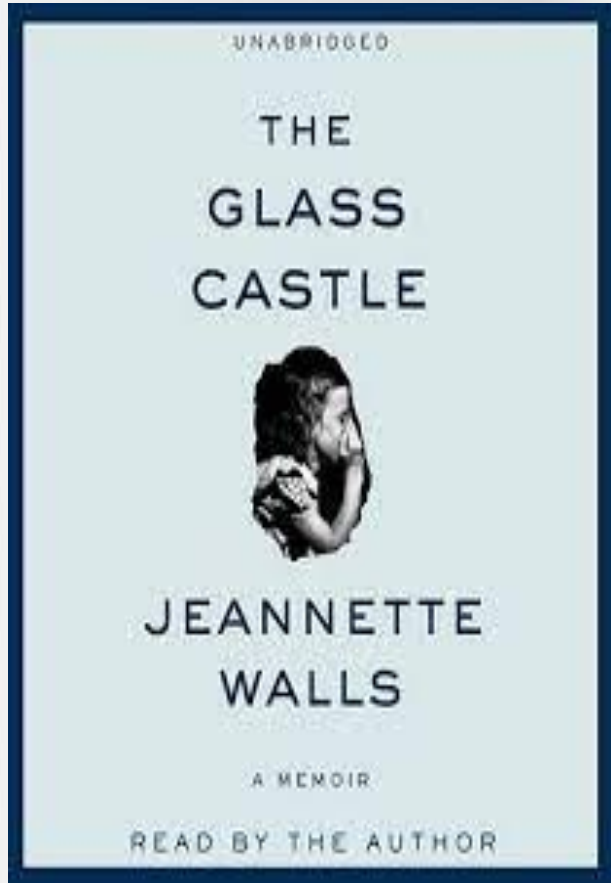


Before becoming the actor, producer, advocate, and model that people know today, Nyle DiMarco was half of a pair of Deaf twins born to a multi-generational Deaf family in Queens, New York. At the hospital one day after he was born, Nyle “failed” his first test—a hearing test—to the joy and excitement of his parents.

Deaf Utopia is more than a memoir, it is a cultural anthem—a proud and defiant song of Deaf culture and a love letter to American Sign Language, Nyle’s primary language. Through his stories and those of his Deaf brothers, parents, and grandparents, Nyle opens many windows into the Deaf experience.

Deaf Utopia is intimate, suspenseful, hilarious, eye-opening, and smart—both a memoir and a celebration of what makes Deaf culture unique and beautiful.

[From Amazon \(2023\)](#)



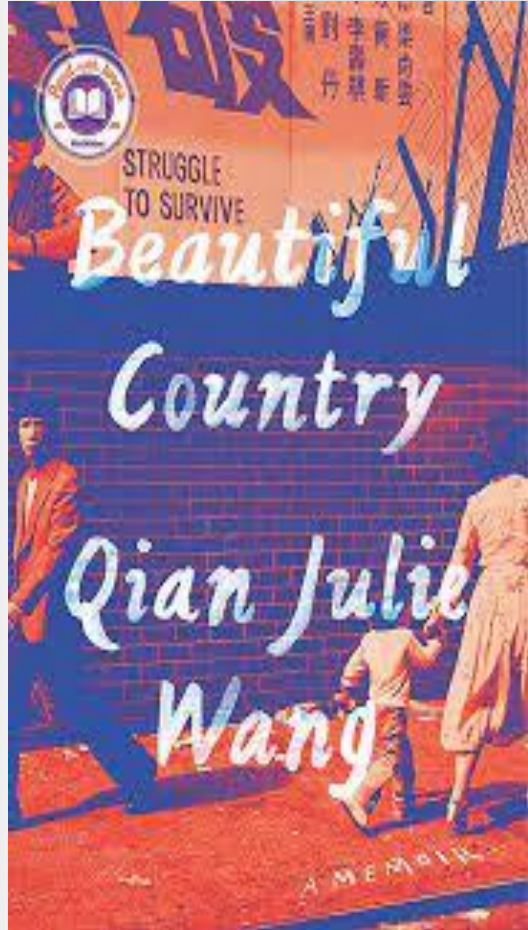
The Glass Castle is a 2005 memoir by American author [Jeannette Walls](#). Walls recounts her dysfunctional and nomadic yet vibrant upbringing, emphasizing her resilience and her father's attempts toward redemption. Despite her family's flaws, their love for each other and her unique perspective on life allowed her to create a successful life of her own, culminating in a career in journalism in New York City.

[From Wikipedia \(2023\)](#)



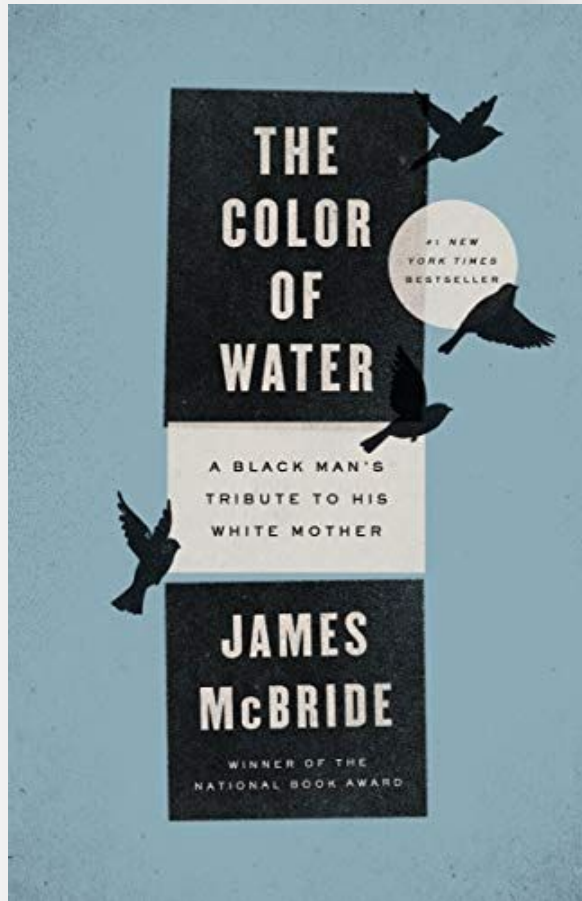
Early on in Kendra James' professional life, she began to feel like she was selling a lie. As an admissions officer specializing in diversity recruitment for independent prep schools, she persuaded students and families to embark on the same perilous journey she herself had made—to attend cutthroat and largely white schools similar to The Taft School, where she had been the first African-American legacy student only a few years earlier. Her new job forced her to reflect on her own elite education experience, and to realize how disillusioned she had become with America's inequitable system.

From Amazon (2023)



In Chinese, the word for America, Mei Guo, translates directly to “beautiful country.” Yet when seven-year-old Qian arrives in New York City in 1994 full of curiosity, she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. In China, Qian’s parents were professors; in America, her family is “illegal” and it will require all the determination and small joys they can muster to survive.

[From Amazon \(2023\)](#)



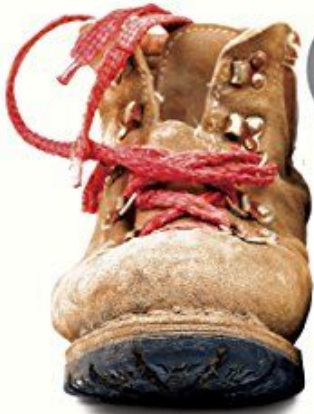
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother, is the autobiography and memoir of James McBride first published in 1995; it is also a tribute to his mother, whom he calls Mommy, or Ma.

From Wikipedia (2022)

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

wild

FROM LOST TO FOUND ON THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL



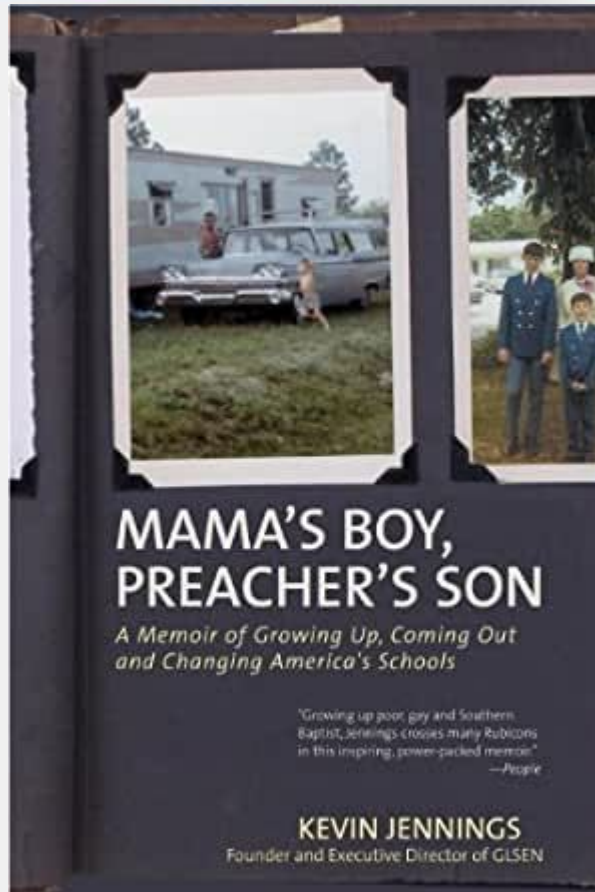
NOW A
MAJOR MOTION
PICTURE

Cheryl Strayed

"Spectacular. ... A literary and human triumph."
—THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

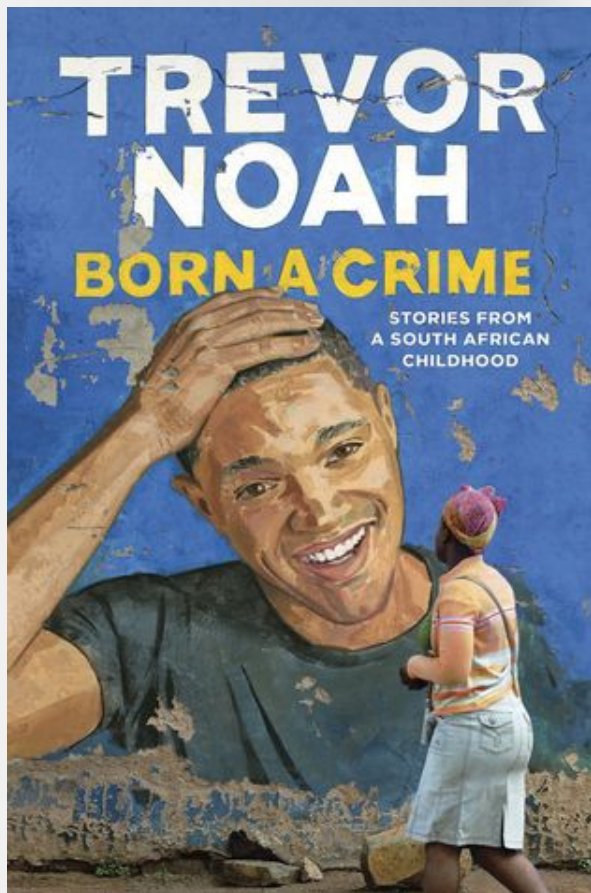
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail is the 2012 memoir by the American writer, author, and podcaster Cheryl Strayed. The memoir describes Strayed's 1,100-mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail in 1995 as a journey of self-discovery.

From Wikipedia (2022)



Long before Kevin Jennings began advocating to end anti-LGBT bias in schools, he was a victim of it. In *Mama's Boy, Preacher's Son*, Jennings traces the roots of his activism to his elementary school days in the conservative South ...

From Google Books (2022)



The memoir of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

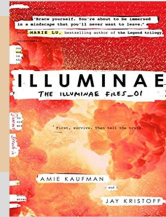
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11th Grade Suggestions

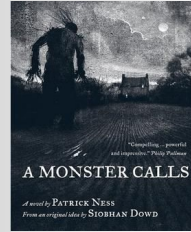
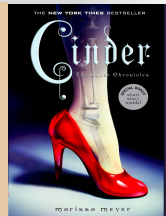
In the spirit of IB Language & Literature, you can read any text type: novels, newspapers, articles, essays, short stories, poetry, speeches, and many more! If you need ideas, please check out the following options:

*Need an adventure...
with map included?*



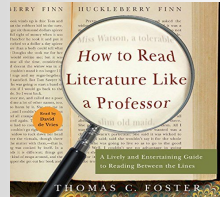
Need inspiration?

*Need a sci-fi/
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Need a mystery?

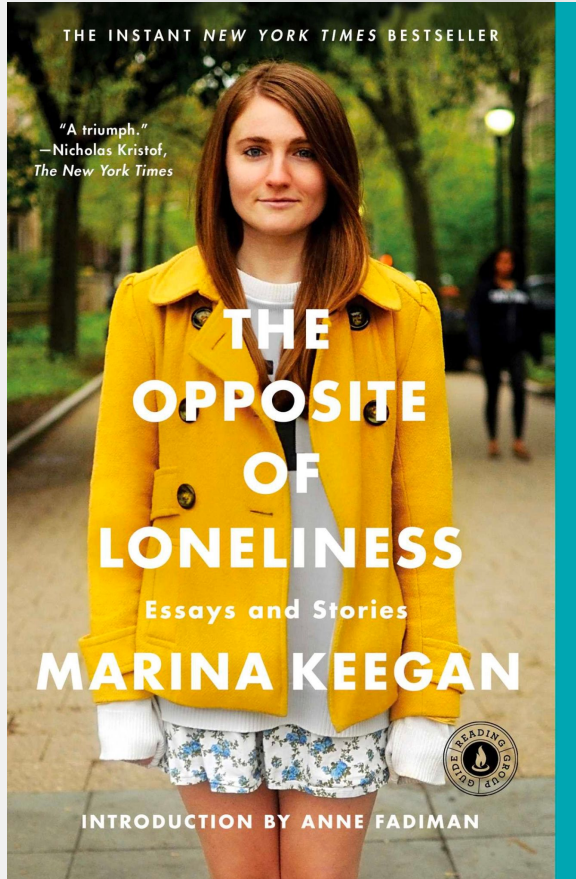
Need motivation?



*Need some
literary advice?*

*Need a romance
story?*

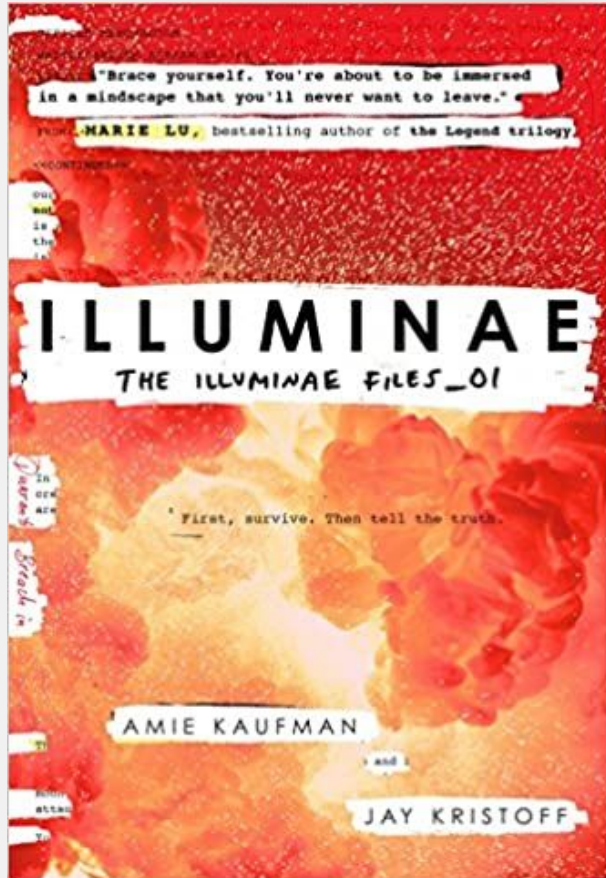




“The Opposite of Loneliness”

by Marina Keegan: Marina Keegan’s star was on the rise when she graduated magna cum laude from Yale. Tragically, five days after graduation, Marina died in a car crash. Marina’s unforgettable last essay, “The Opposite of Loneliness,” went viral, receiving more than 1.4 million hits. She had struck a chord.

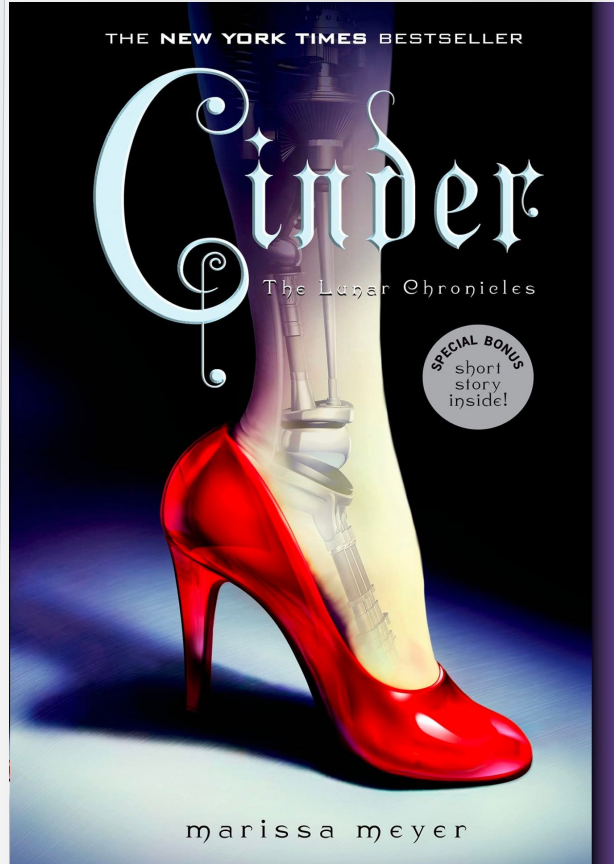
From Amazon Book Reviews (2022)



Illuminae by Amie Kaufman
& Jay Kristoff:

This morning, Kady thought breaking up with Ezra was the hardest thing she'd have to do. This afternoon, her planet was invaded. Now with enemy fire raining down on them, Kady and Ezra are forced to evacuate with a hostile warship in hot pursuit.

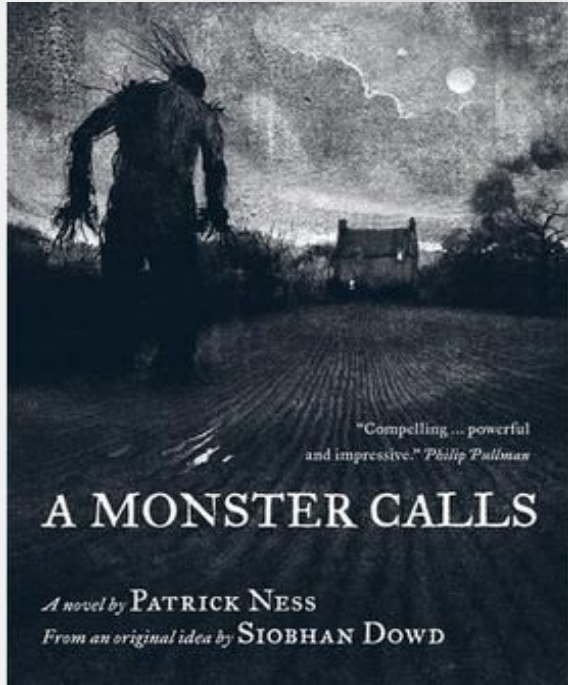
From Amazon Book Reviews
(2022)



Cinder by Marissa Meyer:

Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl. . . . A new re-telling of the classic fairytale *Cinderella*.

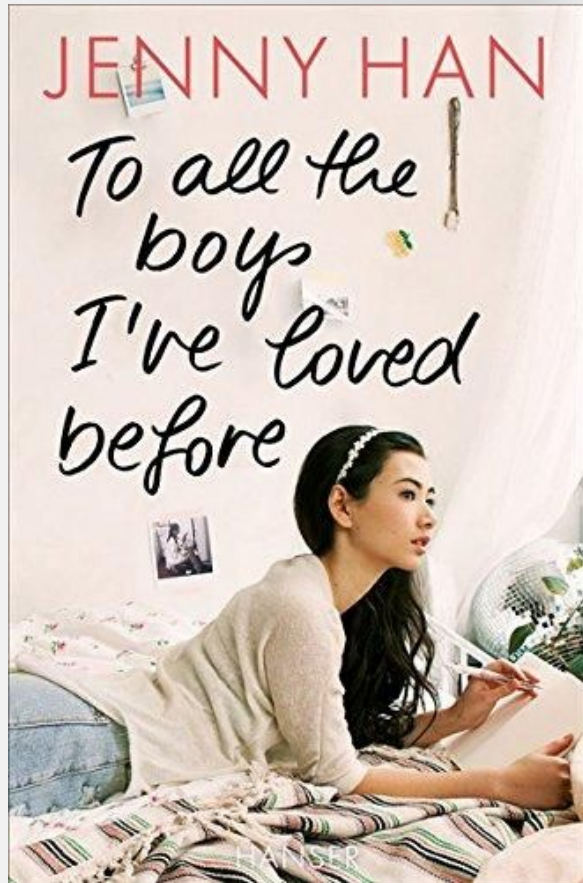
**From Amazon Book Reviews
(2022)**



A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness:

The monster in Conor's backyard is not the one he's been expecting — the one from the nightmare he's had every night since his mother started her treatments. This monster is ancient. And wild. And it wants something from Conor...the truth.

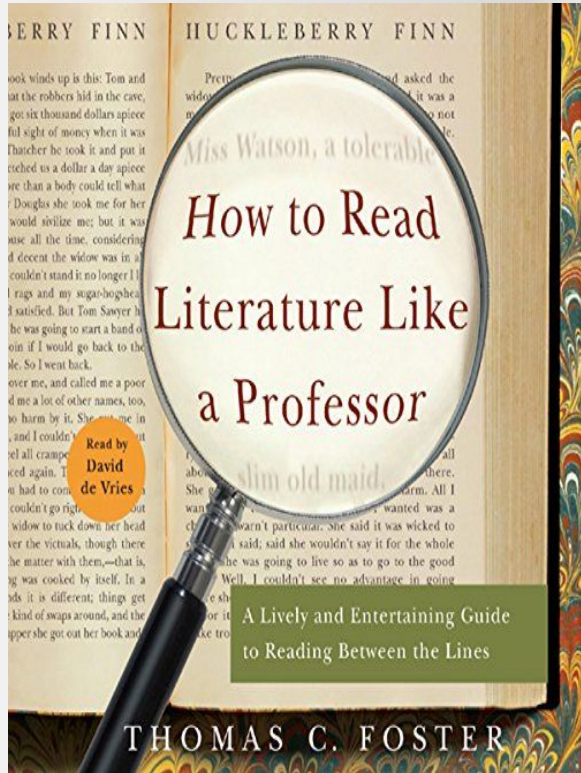
From Amazon Book Reviews (2022)



To All the Boys I Loved Before
by Jenny Han:

Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Song keeps her love letters in a hatbox her mother gave her. One for every boy she's ever loved—five in all. When she writes, she pours out her heart and soul and says all the things she would never say in real life, because her letters are for her eyes only. Until the day they aren't.

From Amazon Book Reviews (2022)



“Every Trip Is a Quest
(Except When It’s Not)”
in *How to Read Literature
Like a Professor* by Thomas
C. Foster: Ranging from
major themes to literary
models, narrative devices
and form, Thomas C.
Foster provides us with a
broad overview of
literature.

From Amazon Book Reviews (2022)

TED Ideas worth spreading



“Inside the Mind of a
Master Procrastinator”
TED Talk by Tim Urban:

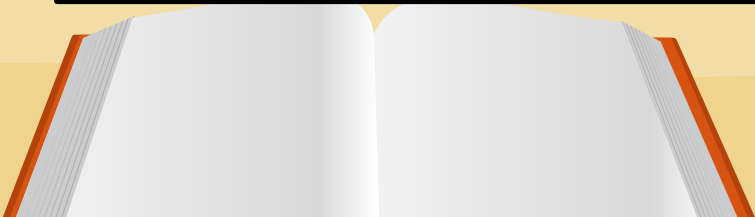
In this hilarious and insightful talk, Urban takes us on a journey with procrastination -- and encourages us to think harder about what we're really procrastinating on, before we run out of time.

From Ted.com (2016)

12th Grade Suggestions

Continue the spirit of IB Language & Literature by reading any text type: novels, newspapers, articles, essays, short stories, poetry, speeches, and many more!

If you need ideas, please check out the following options:



#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER
WITH A NEW AFTERWORD BY THE AUTHOR

The Tipping Point

HOW LITTLE THINGS CAN
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Malcolm
Gladwell

AUTHOR OF *TALKING TO STRANGERS*

"A fascinating book that makes you see the world in a different way."
—FORTUNE

The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Just as a single sick person can start an epidemic of the flu, so too can a small but precisely targeted push cause a fashion trend, the popularity of a new product, or a drop in the crime rate. This widely acclaimed bestseller, in which Malcolm Gladwell explores and brilliantly illuminates the tipping point phenomenon, is already changing the way people throughout the world think about selling products and disseminating ideas.

From Amazon Book Reviews (2022)

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

WHEN BREATH BECOMES



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PAUL KALANITHI

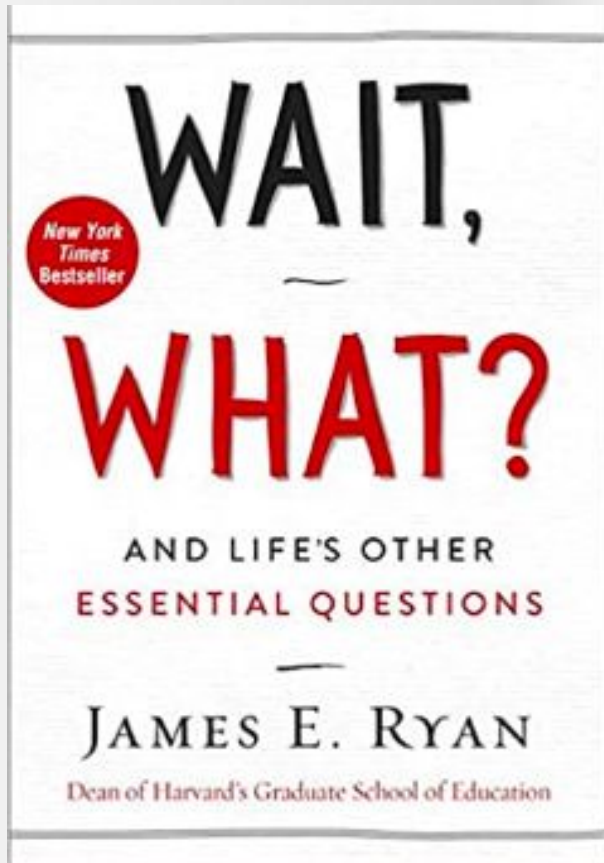
FOREWORD BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE

Finalist
for the
Pulitzer
Prize

#1 NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER
PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST

This inspiring, exquisitely
observed memoir finds hope
and beauty in the face of
insurmountable odds as an
idealistic young neurosurgeon
attempts to answer the question
What makes a life worth living?

**From Amazon Book Reviews
(2022)**



New York Times Bestseller

“Wait, What?” is a welcome—and joyful—reminder that true wisdom comes from asking the right questions. Should you read this book? Absolutely.”

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TED Ideas worth spreading

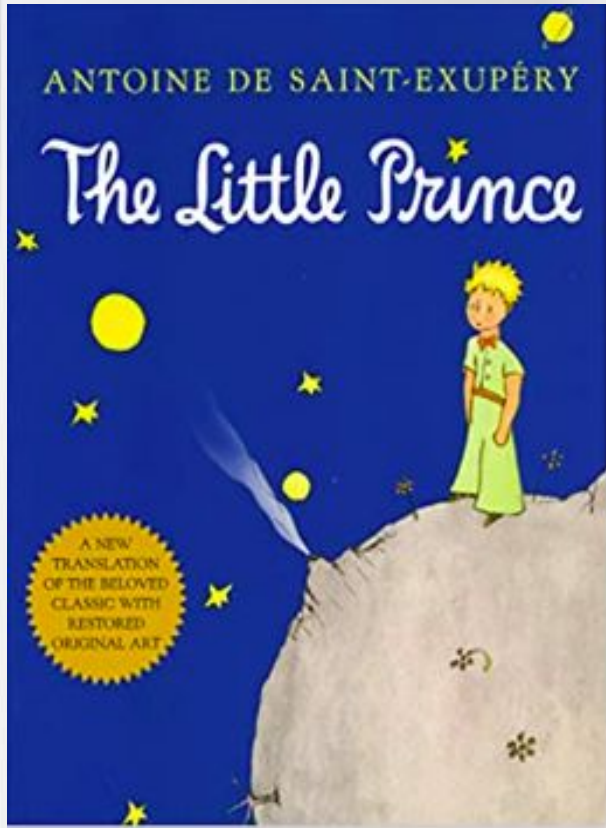


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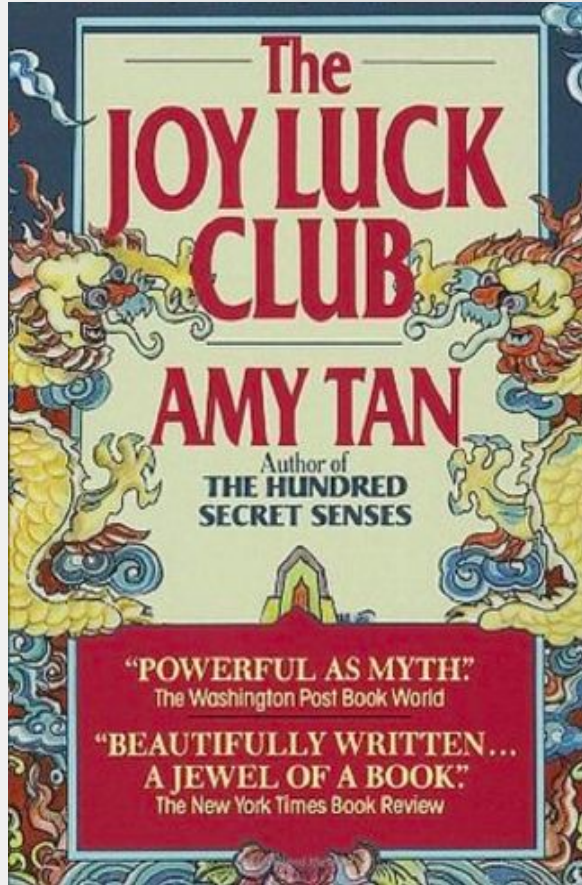
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